

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :  
 : Hon. Claire C. Cecchi  
v. :  
 : Crim. No. 23-232  
AYSHA KHAN :

**PROTECTIVE ORDER**

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of the United States, by Philip R. Sellinger, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by George L. Brandley, Assistant U.S. Attorney, appearing) and defendant Aysha Khan (by John McMahon, Esq.) for a protective order (the “Protective Order”) concerning the use of discovery materials, including any documents or other information subject to the Government’s disclosure obligations pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Title 18, United States Code, Section 3500, *Brady v. Maryland*, and *United States v. Giglio*, that contain the following information: (1) a third party’s (a) social security number; (b) taxpayer-identification number; (c) birth date; (d) financial-account number; (e) home address; (f) telephone number; or (g) email address; (2) the applications and affidavits in support of search warrants obtained during the investigation; (3) health care information that is protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) and (4) any other discovery materials that the parties designate as “confidential” (hereinafter, “Confidential Discovery Materials”); and

The parties having agreed that the procedure to regulate the disclosure and use of the Confidential Discovery Materials will not impede the defendant's preparation of defenses, but merely will protect against the improper dissemination or use of any Confidential Discovery Materials; and

For good cause shown,

IT IS on this 14 day of June, 2023,

ORDERED that:

1. In addition to making the Confidential Discovery Materials available to the defendant for inspection, review, and copying, the Government is authorized to provide the defendant's counsel with their own copies of Confidential Discovery Materials to facilitate preparation for trial.

2. The Confidential Discovery Materials shall be used by the defendant and/or the defendant's counsel only in the preparation of the defense in this case.

3. Access to Confidential Discovery Materials will be restricted to personnel authorized by the Court, namely, (1) the defendant and her attorneys, and their associated attorneys, paralegals, investigators, experts (retained pursuant to a Criminal Justice Act or written retainer agreement, by the defendant and/or her counsel in connection with the criminal case, and the experts' employees and support personnel), and secretaries employed by defendant's attorneys and performing services on behalf of the defendant (collectively, the "Defense"), (2) individuals who the Defense in good faith believes may either be a prospective witness in the action, or who may be able to

provide the Defense with leads for purposes of defending this action, (3) third-party consultants (and their employees and support personnel), and/or litigation support vendors or services, including outside copying services or companies engaged in the business of supporting computerized or electronic litigation discovery or trial preparation, and (4) such other persons as hereafter may be authorized by the Court upon the defendant's motion.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 3, the Defense may discuss or review Confidential Discovery Materials with other individuals, including prospective witnesses and their counsel, as necessary to prepare the defense, but the Defense shall not permit such individuals to possess or retain Confidential Discovery Materials or duplicate versions.

5. The following restrictions will be placed on the individuals described in Paragraph 3 unless further ordered by the Court. These individuals shall not:

- a. Duplicate Confidential Discovery Materials for, or allow copies of any kind to be made by, any other person not described in Paragraph 3, or allow Confidential Discovery Materials to be otherwise disseminated;
- b. Allow any person to read, view, or possess Confidential Discovery Materials except as provided in Paragraphs 3 and 4; or
- c. Use Confidential Discovery Materials for any other purpose other than in connection with the preparation of a defense against the charges in this matter.

6. Defense counsel shall advise any person to whom Confidential Discovery Materials are disclosed by defense counsel that such information should be held in strict confidence and that the person must comply with the restrictions of paragraphs 2 and 5 above.

7. Except as provided in Paragraphs 3 and 4, the Defense shall not disclose Confidential Discovery Materials to any person without leave of Court obtained on application to the Court and with notice to the Government.

8. If any party, including the Government, includes any Confidential Discovery Materials in connection with the filing of a motion, that party shall file such materials provisionally under seal. Any party shall have ten days from the date of such filing to file a formal motion to seal any or all such materials, which may be opposed by any other party. If the Court grants the motion to seal, the materials at issue in the motion to seal shall remain under seal. If no motion to seal is filed, or such motion is denied, the materials shall be unsealed.

9. Any Confidential Discovery Materials filed with the Court must comply with the provisions of Rule 49.1 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The Defense may disclose the Confidential Discovery Materials for use at trial, subject to Fed. R. Crim. P. 49.1 and any other applicable law or rules.


10. This stipulation is binding on all future and successor counsel.

11. Within a reasonable period of time following the conclusion of this litigation (*i.e.*, when each defendant has exhausted any rights of direct appeal from any

judgment and conviction resulting from a trial or guilty plea, and the conclusion of any habeas proceedings; or the one-year limitation period to bring a petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255, if no such petition is filed prior to that time), the defendant's counsel shall collect and return to counsel for the United States, or destroy and certify to counsel for the United States such destruction, all additional copies of the materials containing Confidential Discovery Materials (excluding any materials over which the defendant has a proprietary or ownership interest), except for copies of Confidential Discovery Materials that remain in defense counsel's files and which are stored within defense counsel's offices or in a secure file storage facility.

This Order does not constitute a ruling on the question of whether any particular material is properly discoverable or admissible and does not constitute any ruling on any potential objection to the discoverability of any material.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 14 day of June, 2023:

  
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HON. CLAIRE C. CECCHI  
United States District Judge